

## RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR THE 2006 FIREFIGHTER ENTRY LEVEL EXAM

Massachusetts General Law Ch. 31, section 58, permits cities and towns to ask that residents be placed on entry-level firefighter lists before non-residents. A resident is a person who has lived in the same city or town for the full year before the date of the examination. Your residence, for civil service purposes, is the place where you actually lived and intended as your permanent home. If you were in the military, you may use the city or town where you lived when you entered the service, if you returned to that municipality after you left the military. If you are still in the military, check the *Vet & Military Info* section of the HRD Civil Service Unit website ([www.mass.gov/civilservice](http://www.mass.gov/civilservice)) for more information.

Human Resources Division (HRD) no longer requires applicants to submit two proofs of residency and will grant you residency in the city or town that you declare on your original Residency Preference Claim Form at the exam. However, if HRD or the municipality determines that you intentionally made a false claim, your name will be removed from all firefighter civil service lists in accordance with Personnel Administration Rule .03.

Please select the appropriate departments from the list below and fill them in on the Residency Preference Worksheet. Bring your Worksheet to the exam site where you will transfer this information to the original Residency Preference Claim Form.

The cities and towns followed by **one asterisk** are communities that currently have no upper age limit and may accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 31, section 58A, at any time. Such action would impose an upper age limit of 32 for all new public safety hires. The cities and towns followed by **two asterisks** are communities that have accepted the provisions of [MGL Chapter 31, section 58A](#) and they only accept candidates who were younger than age 32 as of the exam date as new public safety hires. However, if you are a qualified veteran, either still in or released from the military, you may add up to a maximum of four years of service time to your age (to a maximum age of 36) and still be eligible for appointment in communities that have accepted section 58A. The cities and towns **without an asterisk** are communities that only accept candidates who were younger than age 32 as of last date to apply for the exam. The symbol # denotes reserve/intermittent (roster) list.

### FIRE DEPARTMENTS COVERED BY CIVIL SERVICE (As of May 15, 2006)

FIRE CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES		FIRE NON-CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES					
Cambridge*#	838	Abington*	709	Hingham	702	Reading*	421
Chelsea*#	803	Acushnet	645	Holbrook**#	624	Revere*#	801
Fitchburg**	309	Agawam*	253	Hopedale*	353	Rockland*	706
Framingham*	450	Amesbury*	504	Hudson	443	Salem*#	527
Holyoke*	245	Andover**	512	Hull*#	701	Saugus*#	525
Lawrence*#	511	Arlington	433	Ipswich#	518	Scituate*	704
Lowell*#	411	Athol*	304	Leominster	315	Shrewsbury**	334
Somerville*	839	Attleboro*	627	Ludlow*	247	Stoneham#	431
Springfield*	249	Bedford	427	Lynn*	526	Stoughton*	622
		Belmont**	437	Malden	835	Swampscott***#	528
		Beverly*#	530	Mansfield	628	Taunton***#	634
		Billerica	418	Marblehead	529	Tewksbury*#	412
		Boston**	807	Marlborough*#	449	Wakefield*	422
		Bourne**	730	Marshfield*	708	Waltham*#	448
		Brockton*	630	Medford*	834	Ware#	243
		Brookline*	841	Melrose*#	432	Watertown	440
		Burlington#	419	Methuen#	501	Wellesley	452
		Canton*#	610	Milford	345	Westfield#	244
		Chelmsford#	410	Milton*	811	W. Springfield	248
		Chicopee*	246	Nahant*	534	Westwood**	607
		Clinton*	318	Natick**	451	Weymouth*	625
		Cohasset*	703	Needham*	601	Whitman*	711
		Danvers*	521	New Bedford*	644	Wilmington#	413
		Dedham**	603	Newburyport*	507	Winchester**	430
		Dracut#	406	Newton	453	Winthrop*	802
		Easthampton#	239	North Adams*#	103	Woburn*#	420
		Easton	629	North Andover#	513	Worcester***#	333
		Everett*#	836	North Attleboro	626		
		Fairhaven*	646	North Reading*#	414		
		Fall River*#	641	Norton	631		
		Falmouth**	731	Norwood	609		
		Franklin*	616	Peabody*#	520		
		Gardner*	307	Pittsfield*	112		
		Gloucester*#	532	Plainville*	619		
		Greenfield*#	213	Plymouth*	723		
		Hanover*	707	Quincy*	812		
		Haverhill#	502	Randolph*	613		